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FOR SECRETARY, SISCO, ATHERTON FROM SAUNDERS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: GENEVA MILITARY WORKING GROUP -- ADDED BACKGROUND FOR  
SECRETARY'S MEETING WITH PERES

1. THIS MESSAGE COVERS TWO SUBJECTS WHICH IT WOULD  
BE USEFUL FOR SECRETARY TO BE AWARE OF, IF POSSIBLE,  
BEFORE HE MEETS PERES. SECOND IS NEW SUBJECT (PARA. 4)  
UNDERSTAND GAMASY WILL BE MAKING STATEMENT DIRECTLY TO AMB.  
EILTS BUT HOPE COMMENTS BELOW WILL PROVIDE LATEST PERSPECTIVE  
ON THESE POINTS FROM HERE.

2. FIRST IS GAMASY'S COMMENT ON TALKS IN MILITARY  
WORKING GROUP CONVEYED TO ME BY MEMBER OF EGYPTIAN  
DELEGATION WHO JUST CAME BACK FROM QUICK TRIP TO  
CAIRO. GAMASY'S MAIN POINTS ARE:

A. THE REACTION TO THE AGREEMENT BY OTHER ARABS  
AND THE PALESTINIANS MAKES IT ESSENTIAL THAT IMPLE-  
MENTATION KEEP MOVING STEADILY. SPECIFICALLY, IF  
REDEPLOYMENT IN NORTHERN AREA IS FROZEN UNTIL MID-  
FEBRUARY, AS IT IS UNDER PRESENT ISRAELI POSITION,  
THIS WILL LEAD TO DEADLOCK IN GENEVA TALKS. THERE  
MUST BE CONTINUOUS MOVEMENT. ISRAEL MUST TURN OVER  
SOUTHERN AREA COMPLETELY BY DECEMBER 1. (COMMENT:  
LAST SENTENCE SEEMS TO BE FADING AS MAJOR ISSUE

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ALTHOUGH ISRAELIS ARE ASKING FOR SOME ROAD USE AFTER

DECEMBER 1, BUT SECRETARY COULD MENTION IN CONTEXT OF OVERALL ISSUE OF PHASING.)

B. SECOND ISSUE THAT WILL LEAD TO DEADLOCK AT GENEVA IS IF ISRAELIS INSIST ON ADDITIONAL ARMS LIMITATIONS. (COMMENT: ISRAELIS SEEM TO BE BACKING AWAY FROM THIS, BUT SECRETARY MIGHT NOTE TO PERES HE IS AWARE OF ISRAELI EFFORT TO ESTABLISH LIMITATIONS WHICH WERE EXPLICITLY REJECTED DURING SHUTTLE AND COULD INDICATE US WILL NOT SUPPORT THIS. PRESENT ISRAELI TACT IS THAT EGYPT SHOULD SIMPLY "INFORM" ISRAEL WHAT ARE STANDARD NUMBERS OF EQUIPMENT FOR BATTALIONS. WITH A NUDGE, ISRAELIS CAN PROBABLY BE PERSUADED TO DROP THIS.)

C. UNEF SHOULD ENTER EARLY WARNING SYSTEM AREA. (COMMENT: WHEN I ASKED MAGHDOUB WHETHER OUR CONCEPT OF UNEF ESCORT UP TO GATES OF SURVEILLANCE SITES BUT NOT INSIDE IS ACCEPTABLE, HE SAID IT IS. GAMASY REACTING TO ISRAELI PAPER WHICH WOULD EXCLUDE UNEF FROM ACCESS ROADS TO SITES.)

D. EGYPT WOULD PREFER NOT TO HAVE US ROLE IN WARNING SYSTEM DESCRIBED IN PROTOCOL. (COMMENT: TWO DOCUMENTS NOW BEING DISCUSSED HERE ARE PROTOCOL WHICH WILL BE PUBLIC AND CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT ON ADDITIONAL UNDERSTANDING WHICH WILL NOT BE PUBLIC. GAMASY'S COMMENT IMPLIES THAT ANY POINTS ADDITIONAL TO THOSE ALREADY PUBLISHED IN PROPOSAL WOULD BE IN CHAIRMAN'S STATEMENT. ISRAELIS WILL PROBABLY OBJECT.)

E. POINTS C AND D ABOVE OBVIOUSLY NOT IN SAME LEAGUE AS A AND B.

3. AT SESSION 12 TUESDAY NIGHT, SHAFIR PUT FORWARD NEW REDEPLOYMENT SCHEDULE. APART FROM EARLIER ENTRY OF TECHNICIANS, RAS SUDAR AREA WOULD BE TURNED OVER TO EGYPT NOVEMBER 16 AND ABU RODEIS NOVEMBER 24 WITH HAMAM FARAUN TEMPORARY BUFFER BETWEEN. MAGHDOUB, REFLECTING GAMASY'S POSITION, WANTS RAS SUDAR BY END  
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OCTOBER. MAIN PROBLEM, HOWEVER, REMAINS IN NORTH WHERE FIRST EGYPTIAN MOVE IS JANUARY 16 UP TO LINE E IN SOUTH. AFTER THAT, THERE IS NO SIGNIFICANT EGYPTIAN MOVE UNTIL FEBRUARY 19. THUS LATEST ISRAELI PROPOSAL IS NOT SIGNIFICANTLY MORE RESPONSIVE TO GAMASY'S REQUEST FOR REGULAR PHASED MOVEMENT THAN FIRST PROPOSAL.

4. SECOND SUBJECT WORTH MENTIONING TO PERES CAME UP AT OIL EXPERTS' MEETING TUESDAY NIGHT. ISRAELIS ARE TALKING ABOUT REMOVING "MOBILE EQUIPMENT", WHICH I UNDERSTAND WOULD INCLUDE CRANES AND OTHER SPECIALIZED EQUIPMENT THAT, ESPECIALLY IN CASE OF OFFSHORE WELLS, ARE ESSENTIAL TO OPERATION OF OILFIELDS. WHILE ISRAELIS CAN ARGUE THAT ANNEX COMMITS THEM ONLY TO "LEAVE INTACT ALL CURRENTLY EXISTING CIVILIAN INFRA-STRUCTURES AND INSTALLATIONS" -- AND NOT EQUIPMENT "" INTENT OF THAT PARAGRAPH WAS TO ASSURE THAT OILFIELDS WOULD BE TURNED OVER IN SUCH WAY AS MAKE CONTINUOUS OPERATION POSSIBLE. ISRAELIS INHERITED SUCH EQUIPMENT IN 1967 AND HAVE EXTRACTED OIL FOR EIGHT YEARS. ARRANGEMENTS COULD AT LEAST BE MADE FOR TRANSITIONAL USE OF SUCH EQUIPMENT, SOME OF WHICH IS AVAILABLE IN MARKET ONLY ON LONG LEAD TIMES. (OTHER COMPLICATIONS ON OIL TRANSFER WILL BE REPORTED SEPARATELY.)

5. DEPARTMENT PLEASE REPEAT PROMPTLY TO CAIRO AND TEL AVIV.DALE

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